



Ironwood Forest National Monument Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement



Draft Goals and Objectives – Transportation and Access

Goal: Implement a comprehensive Travel and Transportation Management System that designates routes for motorized, mechanized, and non-motorized recreation.

Objectives:

1. Incorporate multiple uses and managerial needs (including land use authorizations and law enforcement) in the development and implementation of the Travel and Transportation System Management Plan for the monument.
2. Prepare and implement a Travel and Transportation System Management Plan for the long-term monitoring, maintenance, and regulation of the designated route system.
3. Based on the existing route inventory and database, maintain an ongoing monitoring system and database to track and measure motorized and non-motorized use of all designated (open, closed and limited) and unauthorized routes and access points within IFNM.
4. Improve signing, mapping, and travel information and education for visitors by publishing and distributing a map of the approved monument Travel and Transportation System and policies and procedures for use of the system.



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5. Improve on-the-ground travel management operations and maintenance programs to sustain and enhance recreation opportunities and experiences, visitor access and safety, and resource conservation.
6. Give priority to establishing, improving, or maintaining designated routes or access points within the monument where such projects are necessary to protect monument resources, improve access to areas that are suitable for higher levels of visitor use, and maintain or enhance public access to the monument. Develop a mechanism to formally review and consider access demands.
7. Coordinate management of the monument Travel and Transportation System with State, tribal, and local transportation agencies, land management agencies, homeland security initiatives, and landowners to support regional transportation needs, monitor use, and ensure continued legal and safe physical access to the monument.
8. Expand and pursue partnerships, sources of funding and guidance for transportation and travel management.



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Goal: Provide adequate legal access for administrative purposes and public use.

Objectives:

1. Secure legal and safe access, appropriate for achieving and maintaining monument management objectives, for both motorized and non-motorized entry to the monument. Where appropriate and in accordance with the purposes of the monument, use easements or reciprocal rights-of-way to achieve legal access to the monument or contiguous public lands. Consider the need for public access when granting or acquiring access routes.
2. Eliminate use of unauthorized routes or access points within six months of the detection of such routes or access points and initiate restoration, reclamation, or other corrective actions to repair damage to the monument from these routes or access points within one year.
3. Coordinate with the military to promote awareness of any resource impacts and to lessen resource impacts from military overflights when possible in context of the military mission. Coordinate with civilian airspace planners/users to realign overflight routes, where needed and practicable, along the most environmentally acceptable corridors.